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## Marginal Column

By EHEV LAQUEUR

THE other night we reached the 879th and last page of the novel all France has been talking and writing about for some months now—Simone de Beauvoir's "Les Mandarins." It has been hailed as a political, social, literary event; everybody, from "L'Humanité" to the pro-Fascist "Aspects de la France" has praised it, and 276,000 copies have already been sold, the publishers claim. It is indeed a most interesting, but also an unsatisfactory, book which under a thin disguise of pseudonyms tells the story of the oratorical, amatory and political exploits (in that order and proportion) of the leading members of one well-known group of the intelligentsia of the Left Bank of the Seine, "les mandarins," after 1944.

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THEY are all there: Dubreuilh (Sartre) and his younger friend Henri Perron (Camus), Mrs. de Beauvoir herself (Anne Dubreuilh) and the cafes of St. Germain de Près, "Combat", the newspaper of the resistance edited by Perron-Camus, collaborators and resistants and mannequins and a variety of "types." It must be a fascinating book for those who have had both inclination and leisure to follow at close quarters the literary and political feuds of the *mandarins* and their foes as well as the complicated personal relationships between them; it is a highly illuminating document even for the uninitiated. Leaving aside the love affairs which are described in great detail, candidly and at times movingly, by Mrs. de Beauvoir, the story centres around the unsuccessful attempt made in 1944/5 by Sartre, Camus and several of their friends to establish an independent left-wing radical movement. (The attempt was, in fact, made in 1949, but poetic licence permitted the author to antedate these events.) The main issue at stake is whether a series of articles on the forced labour camps in the Soviet Union should be published in "L'Espoir." The material has been provided by Serviassin (Victor Serge? Arthur Koestler?) and nobody really doubts its authenticity. But Dubreuilh opposes publication because it would only strengthen the anti-Soviet camp, whereas Perron (Camus) thinks that truth should speak out whatever the results. After a good many tribulations every thing is settled harmoniously. Henry Perron marries Nadine, Dubreuilh's daughter, and joins forces with Dubreuilh in the publication of a periodical on the agreed basis of the struggle for world peace and against American foreign policy. Mrs. Dubreuilh, too, after a prolonged but unpolitical affair with Lewis Brogan, an American writer (Nelson Algren), ends her book on the following note: "May be, one day I shall be happy again. Who knows?" Which, as existentialist novels go, is a very happy ending indeed.

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MRS. de Beauvoir's political loyalties are obvious. In her book, however, she does not plead any cause but tries to depict faithfully things as they happened and Serviassin frequently gets the better of the argument with Sartre's friends. It is not so much that side in her book which irritates and is so profoundly unsatisfactory but the general atmosphere of futility, aimlessness irresponsibility and the endless debates on the need for action which too frequently come to replace action itself. It strikingly resembles Weimarian Germany; and then we recall, of course, that it was Sartre who has adapted German metaphysics and introduced them in France (outside academic circles). Nobody wants to single out M. Sartre's German teachers and hold them responsible for the debacle of the intelligentsia in Germany, and they cannot be blamed for the consequences of the French adaptation of their ideas either. What should be the cause for concern is the neat division between ideas and life: On the one hand there is philosophy, on the other life politics, everything else and they have no relation to each other — and all this under the label of a philosophy of existence.

*Jerusalem, March 8.*

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## MAC Condemns Egypt for Murder, Border Attack

Jerusalem Post Staff

**The murder near Rehovot of Henry Levy on February 25, three days before the Gaza clash and attributed by the Israel Army spokesman at the time to an Egyptian Army Intelligence unit, was condemned by the Mixed Armistice Commission at an emergency meeting yesterday as an aggressive act and a "flagrant violation" of the armistice.**

**At the same meeting Egypt was also found guilty of violating the armistice when mortars, rifles and automatic weapons were fired from an Egyptian Army position at an Israel patrol on February 22. A third resolution found Israel guilty of returning the fire a quarter of an hour later, also with mortars, rifles and automatic weapons, in which four Egyptian soldiers were wounded.**

A resolution submitted by the Israel delegation and supported by the Chairman, Chef du Bataillon F.X. Giaccomaggi, found that a group of three armed men crossed the demarcation line from the Gaza Strip, "penetrated to a great depth into Israel" and "wantonly murdered an unarmed Israel civilian riding a bicycle on the main road near Rehovot, 40 kms. inside Israel."

### Two Resolutions

The firing across the border on February 22 for which both sides were censured in two resolutions—one submitted by the Egyptians, opposed by Israel, and supported by the Chairman, and the second submitted by Israel, opposed by Egypt and also supported by the Chairman — began when an Israel Security Patrol, which surprised a large group of infiltrators cutting grass in a location within view of an Egyptian military position across the line, was fired on at 8.30 a.m. by the infiltrators and from the military position. Sixteen 3-inch mortar shell impacts were found by the U.N. investigation team in Israel territory.

The Egyptian resolution stated that the Israel patrol in two vehicles armed with rifles, automatic weapons and a 3-inch mortar fired across the line at the Egyptian position at 8.45 a.m. clearly indicating that the Egyptians fired across the lines first and the Israel patrol returned the fire. Nevertheless both the Egyptian and the Israel resolutions in identical language noted "with grave concern" that an "end has not yet been put to hostile acts against" the other side.

The Israel resolution had an additional clause calling upon the Egyptian authorities to terminate "these aggressive actions by Egyptian military positions and the continuous infiltration into Israel."

### GAZA QUIET

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Gaza was quiet today and no incidents had been reported by noon.

Thousands of Arab refugees were gradually returning to work but armed sentries are still patrolling the streets of Gaza, which is under a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

## 4 HELD IN BEDUIN MURDER CASE

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Four persons have been arrested on suspicion of being connected with the murder of five Jordan Beduin earlier this week, the police announced today. They are Meir Har-Zion, Yoram Nahari, Ze'ev Slutzky and Amiram Hirshfeld.

No details have yet been released by the police.

It is believed that Har-Zion is the brother of Shoshana, the young girl killed in the Hebron Hills last month. She was accompanied on a hiking trip by Oded Wagmeister who was killed at the same time, both presumably by Beduin.

Hazem Nusseibeh, head of the Jordan Armistice Commission, yesterday termed the killing of five Jordan Beduin "one of the ugliest crimes since the armistice agreement ..."

"When the truth is known it is bound to shock the civilised world," he added.

Colonel Robert Bayard and Major Hausen were present during the investigation of the incident which occurred at a spot eight kms. inside Jordan territory.

Dr. Haidar Inab, Jordanian medical officer who examined the bodies, said one of the Beduin was shot, the other four stabbed several times and their necks slashed. The bodies, he said were thrown in a deep valley. The Beduin lived in several encampments of two tents each.

Nusseibeh said investigation showed the attackers wore khaki uniforms and their tracks led back to the Israel border.

## Nutting Summons Elath For 2nd Time in Week

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State, summoned the Israel Ambassador in London, Mr. Eliahu Elath, to the Foreign Office here today.

It was their second meeting since the Gaza incident on Monday last.

Mr. Nutting last summoned the Israel Ambassador on March 2 and understood to have told him that Britain held Israel "responsible" for what it considered "a premeditated attack" on Egyptian forces at Gaza.

The Foreign Office spokesman did not disclose the reason for today's summoning.

*Cartwheeling girl precedes float on Allenby Road in Tel Aviv's Children's parade yesterday.* Photo by Pinn

## Children's Parade Launches Tel Aviv's Adloyada Festivity

By JACK LEON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A wildly enthusiastic Tel Aviv, casting off the outward lethargy of the last few days, gave the Adloyada a rousing sendoff this afternoon and, once under way, the revelry continued unabated far into the night.

Hours before the monster carnival parade of schoolchildren was due to begin at 1 p.m., inaugurating the "official" opening of the three days of nonstop festivities, crowds began to line the route of the procession, in which some 1,200 children and nearly 50 floats participated.

Many of these early arrivals had come into the city from all parts of the country, and included a large number of family parties. Some of them brought stools and sandwiches with them and sat in the hot sunshine under a cloudless blue sky. With every child to be seen in the main streets in fancy dress and against a background of gaily-decorated thoroughfares, a tingling festive feeling filled the warm air.

At the stroke of one, the school parade, organized by the Municipal Education Department, set off from waste-land off Rehov Ariosoroff. It was led by a police motorcycle escort, a children's safety squad of cyclists clad in their already well-known white-sleeved uniforms and the 25-strong Jerusalem Police Band.

### Floats Gaily Decorated

Most of the gaily-decorated floats were manned by colourfully-dressed pupils of the city's secondary schools, and a few youth clubs also participated in the parade. Every phase of life in the country was represented, from farms and factories and the ingathering of the exiles to the street vendors noisily peddling their wares and a youth-band "in honour of Lionel Hampton," piercing the noisy air with cries of "Hey Barbarecha."

All along the traffic-free route, the originality of the floats was acclaimed by enthusiastic crowds. These were densest in Allenby Road, the city's main artery, where in some specially good vantage points they lined the sidewalks 10-deep.

First prize in the parade — a gold plaque, inscribed with the emblem of the Adloyada — was won by the Hatikva School for its float entitled "The Wine Dance." Two plaques of silver and bronze were also awarded while several schools, including an Arab school in Jaffa, were commended for their presentations.

The pageant took more than three hours to reach Luna Park in Jaffa, over an hour longer than planned. Groups of children who followed on foot behind their floats, including a dance troupe accompanying "The Wine Dance," showed remarkable fortitude under the hot sun.

### Crowds Impatient

The crowds who had expected to be allowed entry to the park at 4 o'clock became impatient at the procession's delay and besieged the gate of the premises. They were kept under control with some difficulty by police, whose success was so great that the park was nearly half empty when the festivities finally got under way in the presence of Mayor Haim Levanon, although hundreds still waited outside clamouring for admission.

While the participants in the parade, which brilliantly launched this first *Adloyada* for 20 years, sat back and enjoyed a well-earned rest, other groups of children presented a series of playlets, songs and dances.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. S. Friedman of the Habimah Theatre, a member of the panel of judges.

Five hundred persons attended the camp fire celebrations of the ex-Palmach group, *Hovuzot Haiesh* in the North of the city late tonight. Small groups started their own fires in the vicinity of the main ones.

In the early hours of the morning large numbers of people were still singing and dancing in the main squares and taxis found difficulty in keeping pace with demands from late revellers stranded in the city.

'Adloyada' Route Map — Page 2
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## Byroade Presents His Credentials in Cairo

CAIRO, (UP) — The New American Ambassador to Egypt, Mr. Henry Byroade, presented his credentials to Premier Abdul Nasser today in a half-hour ceremony in full state regalia.

A military band struck up the "Star-Spangled Banner" as Mr. Byroade entered the building and again when he left.

A guard of honour in red and gold uniforms presented arms as Mr. Byroade passed by.

In a separate ceremony, the West German Ambassador, Dr. Walter Becker, presented his credentials to Abdul Nasser.

## Shushan Carnival In Thronged Streets

By GERDA L. COHEN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

*TEL AVIV, Monday. — A two-storey Haman led by Mordecai on a white horse as tall as the houses thrilled the milling crowds here tonight. The Shushan cavalcade drove slowly from Herbert Samuel Esplanade at the appointed hour of 8 o'clock pressing through a mighty throng in Allenby Road. Police mounted on prancing horses cantered down to the sea to clear a path, but the curious crowds poured back.*

*First came the Court of King Ahasuerus in orange and green robes, playing on drums and others. Crazy puppets bobbed around the float which made its way to King George Avenue. Then loomed the nodding head of Mordecai's mare, its tail as long as a bus. The next float carried a troupe of maidens in carnival dress, singing the tale of Esther over the yells and cheers of half of Tel Aviv. Little castles and minarets of Shushan peeped over the float.*

*In the vanguard drove the Fire Brigade band, their shiny helmets flashing and the big trombone blaring. Chinese lanterns strung across the road lit up the sky.*

*Dizengoff Square attracted thousands who danced polkas and horas under billowing multi-coloured banners. The police band did their best to match the unflagging enthusiasm of youngsters who kept up a hectic pace. Orange, purple and vermilion streamers floated lazily over the jigging couples.*

*Children wearing their afternoon's fancy dress paraded up and down, yawning but determined to stay up. Bogeys in gruesome rubber masks grinned at Red Indians while cowboys chased devils about the Square.*

## Eshkol Hopes To Convince Montor

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Monday. — The Israel Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, hopes to convince Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Vice-President of the Israel Bond Drive, in the next few days to resume operations in accordance with the *status quo* of last year — meaning informal coordination of campaign timing with American Jewish welfare funds — under which Bond sales have been improvising operations during the last six months.

Otherwise Mr Eshkol will accept the resignations of the Montor group and will seek new Bond leaders.

## British Labour Asks For Big 3 Meeting

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Labour Party leaders in Parliament tonight called for a Big Three meeting to discuss the lessening of world tension and to prepare for world disarmament.

They put forward a motion in the Commons urging that the Government should approach the U.S. and Russian Governments to arrange such a meeting.

The motion was signed by the party leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, and other leaders.

## French Move to Delay Paris Pacts over Saar

PARIS, Monday (UP). — Opponents of German rearmament moved today to delay ratification of the Paris pacts until the U.S. and Britain take a clear stand on the German interpretation of the Saar question.

Deputy Jacques Vendroux (Gaullist) demanded that America and Britain clarify their position in regard to the statement of the West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, that they were ready to go back to Germany.

(In London the Foreign Office said only that the final solution of the Saar dispute would have to be determined by its people and the governments immediately concerned—Germany and France. A spokesman declined to give a formal clarification of Allied policy.)

## Yugoslavia Soon To Produce Own Nuclear Energy

BELGRADE, Monday (Reuter). —Yugoslavia will soon start producing her own nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, President Tito announced here today. Geological prospecting showed Yugoslavia possessed enough raw materials for using nuclear energy for peaceful industrial purposes.

In a foreign policy review to both Houses of Parliament assembled in joint session, the President said three well-equipped institutes had been established at Belgrade, Zagreb and Ljubljana for nuclear research.

Yugoslavia realized that an atomic or hydrogen war would threaten the very existence of humanity, he added. The only way to ensure humanity's progress was to use nuclear energy for peaceful industrial purposes.

However, first the veil of secrecy must be removed and nuclear energy made available to all peoples. "We consider that all available nuclear weapons should be destroyed and their materials used for the well-being of peoples, the President said.

Marshal Tito said he wished to inform deputies that Yugoslavia had devoted full attention to the development and production of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. "We have established the necessary prospecting organs to locate nuclear raw materials, and this has so far given very good results."

### Doubts Soviet Intentions

President Tito expressed doubt about the intentions of the U.S.S.R. and East European leaders in normalizing relations with Yugoslavia. Reviewing the course of normalisation with Eastern countries, he said the Communist parties and masses in those countries were being told that Yugoslavia had seen the error of her ways and was trying to correct them — "and similar nonsensical tales" which might give rise to doubts of the full sincerity of statements which have been made by the most responsible people in those lands, about the unjustified accusations made against Yugoslavia.

Foreign observers said this was the first time since normalization started after Stalin's death two years ago that President Tito had so openly criticized Soviet leaders.

In the rest of his 10,000-word report to Parliament on foreign policy and foreign trade developments of the past year, Marshal Tito again developed at great length his often-repeated opposition to blocs and appeal for "active co-existence" as "the only road to peace" in the present international situation.

### INDIA HAS IT TOO

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). — India is setting up a plant for the treatment of uranium ore at Takshilla in Bahar, Mr. A.K. Chanda, Deputy Minister for External Affairs, told a questioner in the House of the People.

Uranium low-grade ore had been discovered in Madras, Bihar and Orissa.

## Biggest Atom Blast Of US 1955 Series

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Monday (Reuter). — The biggest and brightest blast of the 1955 atomic test series lighted the Western skies 20 minutes before dawn today.

The white flash was perhaps the most dazzling ever seen in Las Vegas, 120 kms. away from the Yucca Flat testing ground. It shone a yellow gold colour above the mountains near Los Angeles, 400 kms. to the south-west, almost as though the sun were trying to make an early appearance.

This was the highest tower shot ever set off in Nevada — the 35th test at the Nevada site and fourth of the current series.

It was not the largest fireball or explosion at Yucca Flat. The fireball, higher than usual, did not pull up as much dust as some from the desert floor. The cloud rose quickly and the usual mushroom was clearly visible in Las Vegas in the first light of dawn. The stem was reddish and unusually thick.

As the top of the mushroom soared to 10,000 metres it seemed to divide into two puffs.

A pall of dust and smoke 11 kms. long and 8 kms. wide completely blanketed Yucca Flat an hour after the explosion. Its flash spread a panorama of light over an 1,300 km. radius in the western states.

## Italy Wants Arms Cut After Paris Treaties

ROME, Monday (UP). — The Italian Government is planning to appeal for an East-West armaments reduction conference as soon as ratification of the Paris accords for a West European Union is achieved, informed sources said today.

The sources said the Foreign Minister Mr. Gaetano Martino touched on the idea during a luncheon meeting yesterday with the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, who stopped on his way home from the SEATO conference in Bangkok.

The Deputy Premier Mr. Giuseppe Saragat sounded Soviet reaction in an informal talk with the Soviet Ambassador Mr. Alexander Rogomolov, they said.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman had no official comment on the reports, but he recalled a recent pledge by the Premier Mr. M. Scelba to "explore all avenues towards the lessening of East-West tension."

# Iraq Invited to Attend Arab League Assembly

**The Iraqi Government yesterday received an invitation to attend the Arab League's Assembly which is to meet in Cairo on March 22. The invitation was sent by the League's Secretary-General, Abdul Khalik Hassouna, it was reported from Baghdad.**

Usually reliable sources in Baghdad said Iraq is likely to accept the invitation because "there is no objection on Iraq's side to attending as we believe in strengthening the political and military structure of the League."

The Assembly is expected to discuss: admission to the League of Arab Sheikhdoms in the Persian Gulf area, a report on the conditions under which Arabs still live in Israel, and the strengthening of the economic blockade against Israel.

A report from Baghdad said Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, and Foreign Minister Khaled el Azem of Syria are going to Baghdad next week to place their scheme for a new "Arab Federation" before the Iraqi Government. Egypt and Syria in a joint statement last night announced the alternative alliance, which is supported unconditionally by Saudi Arabia.

### 'Understand' Lebanon

Salem and Azem were in Beirut last night and spent three hours in conference with the Lebanese President, Camille Chamoun. Beirut Radio later reported that the talks resulted in a "complete understanding of the Lebanese attitude" towards the main Arab problems of the moment.

The Associated Press reported Azem as stating in Syria on Sunday that Iraq would be invited to the new Arab alliance only if she renounces her pact with Turkey.

Jordan, according to a Cairo report, has asked for time to consider the new pact in the light of her commitments to Britain.

Official quarters in Baghdad, commenting on yesterday's joint Egyptian-Syrian communique, yesterday said the Iraqi Government is already aware of the fact that the policy of the Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian Governments differ from the Iraqi foreign policy. The contents of the communique, if carried out, represent a split in the unity of the Arab peoples and is dangerous and harmful to the Arab cause.

The Iraqi press printed the joint communique but at the same time it unanimously deplored the move to split Arab unity. *(Reuter, INA)*

## Persian Shah Due In Baghdad on Friday

BAGHDAD, Monday (Reuter). — The Shah of Persia, Mohammed Reza Pahlevi, will arrive in Baghdad on Friday for a private visit.

The Shah will be the private guest of Hosain Ghods Nakhai, the Persian Ambassador in Baghdad, during his stay here.

The last time the Shah visited Baghdad was in August, 1953, when he left Teheran after ex-Premier Mossadegh's attempt to dethrone him, and on his way back from Rome after General Fazullah Zahidi, the present Premier, had overthrown the Mossadegh regime and the Shah has returned to Teheran.

The Persian Embassy in Baghdad today denied reports that the Persian Government was negotiating a trade and economic treaty with Israel.

The Embassy described it as "unfounded," and said the Persian Government has no political, economic or trade relations with Israel and there is no intention of establishing such relations."

## Turkish Leader Says Israel Fears Baseless

WASHINGTON, Monday (INA). — Mr. Kasim Gulek, Secretary General of the Turkish Republican Party, told the Middle East Institute here that Israel's fears over the Turco-Iraqi Pact were unfounded because Turkey was trying to do good for both sides and could be a link and a means of solution between them.

## Celal Invites Faisal

BAGHDAD, Monday (Reuter). — The Turkish President, Mr. Celal Bayar, who is now in Iraq, has invited King Faisal and Crown Prince Abdul Illah to visit Turkey, reliable sources stated today.

The invitation was originally extended to the Iraqi Royal family by the Turkish Premier, Mr. Menderes last January. King Faisal and the Crown Prince are reported to have accepted the invitation but the date for the visit has not yet been fixed.

## Burns Expected In New York Next Week

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (INA). — The Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization in Jerusalem, General E.L.M. Burns, is coming here to report personally to the Security Council, but he is not expected to arrive before next week. The Council cannot therefore resume its consideration of the Egyptian complaint on the Gaza incident before that time.

Fears that General Burns might not be able to come to New York because of the tense situation have apparently been dispelled, and it is reported that the General does not think the situation so grave as to require his uninterrupted presence at his post.

### ALBANIA REJECTS

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Albania has rejected an American offer of food deliveries to alleviate "alleged supply difficulties," the Albanian news agency reported today.

## US, Britain May Join Turco-Iraqi Pact This Year

**LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Britain will probably join the Turco-Iraqi pact within the next 10 months, diplomatic sources here said today.**

Sir Anthony Eden, who returned today from a Far and Middle Eastern tour which included Baghdad, is expected to discuss the timing and procedure for Britain's entry into the alliance when he visits Turkey next week.

The U.S. is also expected to join the pact later this year. Washington joined London in welcoming the treaty as contributing to the security and stability of the Middle East.

Pakistan, which is already linked to Turkey in a separate alliance, will probably adhere also to the Baghdad treaty. Diplomatic quarters here hope that Persia may join at a later stage.

The bitter opposition to the alliance from some of the Arab states has disappointed both Britain and the U.S., who hoped the new grouping would eventually embrace all the Moslem states in the area.

## France Tells US Of Concern over Mid-East

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — The French Ambassador, M. Couve de Murville, recently expressed French concern to the State Department in regard to relations with Syria and the Lebanon following the recent Turco-Iraqi Pact.

Reliable sources pointed out that although France does no longer influence in any way the policies of Syria and the Lebanon, she nevertheless keeps up friendly relations and sympathetic contact with these countries.

They said Syria apparently still fears that Turkey may have claims to those parts of the Alexandretta region still in Syria, while the Hashemite dynasty has never officially renounced what has been known as the "Greater Syria" scheme — a union of Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

Reports from Paris indicate that France has not yet made up her mind about the Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi Arabian Pact signed last week-end.

The Quay d'Orsay refused to issue any official comment until it had time to "study the implications" of the agreement.

## US Jewry Showed Opposition To US Policy, Support for Israel

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Monday. — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, said the two major results of the two-day national conference of delegates and observers from 23 Jewish organizations were:

Israel's psychological feeling of isolation had been alleviated by the conference's demonstration of friendship, and the State Department had learned that all segments of American Jewry are united in their opposition to its policies.

The conference, which ended yesterday, adopted a programme for "the attainment of peace, development and defence in the Near East."

The resolution is at variance with the views of the State Department on Israel's role in Middle East defence plans as outlined yesterday by Mr. John Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. It calls for a determined effort to bring about direct negotiations between Israel, the Arab states and the U.S. for a peaceful settlement; the suspension of arms shipment to the Middle East in the absence of Israel-Arab peace, particularly in view of the fact that no arms were being given to Israel; the inclusion of Israel in any defence arrangement for the region.

In New York, Mr. Lessing Rosenwald, President of the American Council for Judaism, said that the Washington conference did not and could not speak for all Americans of Jewish faith.

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## Social & Personal

Mr. Pablo Manguel, the Argentine Minister, gave a farewell lunch to the press in Tel Aviv yesterday. Mr. Manguel is leaving on March 22 after having represented his country here since June, 1949.

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*ARRIVALS:* Rabbi David Hollander and Rabbi Zvi Shechter, of the Orthodox Rabbinical Association in the U.S., for a six-week visit as guests of the Government; Mr. Yosef Korn, Secretary General of the Moshavim Movement, from a six-week tour of the U.S. and Britain, to sponsor the "working farmer" idea (by El Al); Miss Gioconda de Vito, the Italian violinist, for a series of 12 concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (by El Al); Mr. Abraham Hirsch, Secretary-General of the World Executive Committee of Agudat Yisrael, after a short visit to Europe on a mission for his movement; Mr. Norman Lourie, after an intensive tour of the U.S. on behalf of the State of Israel Bonds.

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Mr. Harold Robinson, Head of the Housing Division, U.S.O.M., is to deliver the first of a series of three guest lectures at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, on "The background and philosophy of the housing programmes in the U.S." tomorrow, Wednesday March 9, at 7 p.m., Hall 84.

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The halls of the Sharon Hotel will be closed to the public on Thursday evening March 10, 1955, due to a party held by the B'nai B'rith Lodge of Tel Aviv.

*BIRTH*

CYPIS — To Elsa, wife of Moshe Cypis, Tel Aviv, on March 7, 1955 — a daughter.

**NOAH SLAVNI, 54**

Noah Slavni, Director of the Statistical Services in the Ministry of Finance, died suddenly in Jerusalem on Sunday. He was 54.

From 1925 to 1931, Mr. Slavni directed the Statistical Office of the Jewish Agency, and later directed the Statistical Office of the Mandatory Government.

**PURIM SERVICES**

JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Tonight: Arvit & reading of Megillat Esther, 6.10 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 6 & 7.15 a.m.

Emet V'Emuna (Gan Rehavia): Tonight: Reading of Megillat Esther, 6.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.30 a.m.

## B'nai B'rith Delegates Here for Purim

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — Thirty-two members of the B'nai B'rith, of New York, arrived via El Al today for an 11-day tour of Israel, just in time to see the Tel Aviv Purim pageant.

"We have come to see what the $4m. worth of Israel Bonds purchased by B'nai B'rith members in 1954 have done to speed development of industry and agriculture," Mr. Jack Rosa, Chairman of the Metropolitan Council of the B'nai B'rith Israel Committee, who is leading the group, stated on arrival.

The group consists of: Mr. and Mrs. W. Berken, Miss Eleanor Berken, Mr. Borowski, Mrs. F. Elkind, Mrs. R. Goodman, Dr. and Mrs. L. Figur, Mr. and Mrs. A. Girsch, Mr. Shelley Goren, Mr. Abraham Gottschalk, Mr. and Mrs. M. Horowitz, Miss Janice Josselson, Miss Pearl Koblenz, Mr. and Mrs. Max Kochen, Mr. and Mrs. I. Maidman, Rabbi Abraham Novak, Miss Sally Rose, Miss Lucille Rosenblum, Mr. I. Schechter, Dr. Gerda Saul, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sokolov, Mr. and Mrs. F. Steiner, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Weinberger.

## Pig Breeder Fights Administrative Order

"It would be more proper for a matter of principle, such as pig-breeding, to be decided by the Knesset and not by Government officials," Mr. A. Levy declared in the High Court yesterday.

He was representing Mr. Eugene Lazarovitz, the owner of a pig-sty in Ramle, who was seeking annulment of the administrative order issued by the Food Controller restricting pig-raising to specified areas in Galilee.

The applicant claimed that the authority of the Food Controller was restricted to economic matters, whereas the Controller, Mr. A. Halevi, had admitted to the Court that he had been governed in this matter by "national considerations."

The Court, which was composed of Justices Agranat, Sussman, and Berinson, reserved judgment. *(Ittim.)*

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## LAW REPORT

*The Jerusalem Post March 8, 1955*

**In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeal**

*Before Justices Agranat, Sussman and Landau.*

A. Yechezkieli, Appellant, v. I. Shpushnik and Others, Respondents. (C.A. 45/53).

**Mitigation of Damages Plea**

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, sitting as a Court of Appeal, delivered on January 27, 1953 (C.A. 35/52).

Mr. Yechezkieli bought a car from the respondents in December 1949. It was agreed between the parties that the insurance policy on the car would be transferred to him by the respondents within a day or two after the completion of the transaction, but it was not transferred as agreed, and when Mr. Yechezkieli was involved in an accident, suffering damage to the extent of IL148, the insurance company refused to cover his losses. He thereupon sued the respondents for that sum in the Magistrate's Court claiming that there had been a breach of contract on their part, and won his case.

On appeal to the District Court, the respondents claimed, *inter alia*, that Mr. Yechezkieli could have mitigated his losses by insuring the car himself when he found out that the respondents had not transferred the insurance policy. This argument was accepted by the District Court which reversed the decision of the Magistrate's Court.

Mr. Hazzan appeared for the appellant, Mr. Blumberg for the respondents.

**Judgment**

Justice Sussman, in delivering the judgment of the Supreme Court, overruled two secondary decisions of the District Court and then turned to the main point of conflict between the parties, viz. the mitigation of losses. He pointed out that, before entering into the merits of the case, the preliminary question would have to be answered whether the defendant could plead orally that the plaintiff had failed to take steps to mitigate his losses when he had not included this plea in his written statement of defence. The answer to this question, said Justice Sussman, would depend on whether the plea should be regarded as being one in respect of the amount of damages (in which case, according to rules 74 and 100 of the Magistrates' Courts Procedure Rules, 1940, he did not have to include it in his statement of defence), or whether it should be regarded as a matter which shows the action not to be maintainable — in which case, according to rule 98 it must be raised in the statement of defence so as not to take the opposite party by surprise.

After a survey of local and English precedents, Justice Sussman held that a defendant who, in response to a claim for breach of contract, counters with the accusation that the plaintiff failed to mitigate his losses when he could have done so, is not questioning the extent of the damage caused to the plaintiff, but is introducing new facts. He is, in fact, virtually pleading contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff — a claim which must certainly be raised in the statement of the defence. The plea that the appellant could have mitigated his losses should therefore be regarded as having surprised the appellant and was inadmissible.

The appeal was allowed, and the respondents were ordered to pay the appellant's costs in both the Supreme and District Courts.

Judgment given on February 24, 1955.

## A Tissue of Lies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Surplus U.S. Army toilet tissue which a Tel Aviv merchant imported about two years ago is being sold here in wrappers labelled "Foremost Facial Toilet Tissue."

Although the label describes the tissue as "angel soft... gentle to the most delicate skin," the paper is ordinary sulphite paper, glossy on one side and dull on the other.

The Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is now dealing with the case, to determine whether there are grounds for legal action.

The interesting question is where the labels come from. Although the unwrapped tissue itself — 333 tons of it — was brought in as a capital transfer under the terms of a legitimate import licence, in the amount of $118,000, no import licence was ever issued for the import of the wrappers.

Ministry officials do not discount the possibility that the labels were printed here. The label includes the phrase, "Thomson Paper Mills, Inc., New York."

## Yesterday's Press

# TSO Wording on Gaza 'Assists Arab Raids'

Denouncing the Chairman's stand at the Israel-Egyptian Armistice Commission session, "Haboker" (General Zionist) says that since the U.N. staff took sides on the very day after the Gaza incident, it could hardly be expected to change its attitude now. The paper takes exception, in particular, to the wording of the Egyptian resolution adopted by the Chairman ("brutal attack"). "Haboker" notes that there had after all been an open fight, eight Israelis killed and not one Egyptian. The killing of Israel citizens from an ambush is apparently less brutal. The U.N. is in effect encouraging new Arab attacks and creating a situation with which no nation in the world could possibly put up.

"Herut" deals with the situation of the Syrian border, where continuous Syrian aggression will cause an explosion sooner or later. Israel has helped to create the impression that "everything is quiet" on its frontiers and it is no surprise therefore that the representatives of the powers now lay the blame for the Gaza incident on Israel. The paper calls for an Israel complaint on Syrian aggression before the Security Council, and generally speaking demands that the world be told how serious the situation is on our northern border — before, not after action is taken.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) attacks the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs for desiring "Israel cannon fodder" and Mapam for supporting the principle of "active defence" which the paper thinks contrary to the aims of the "Peace Movement."

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) welcomes the renewal of the tradition of the Adloyada in Tel Aviv, few of whose residents will have been present at the celebrations that ended in 1935. At that time the whole Yishuv was one big family, and though the situation has changed it must be hoped that the renewal of the tradition will strengthen the solidarity between various sections of the population.

"Davar" (Histadrut) and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) comment on the recent statement by the Minister of Labour that allocation cuts have caused a "deficit" of 35m. workdays in her blueprints. "Davar" fears there may be 18,000-20,000 unemployed in the summer months and wants the whole matter re-examined with a view to obtaining the money needed by effecting cuts elsewhere.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) refuses to accept the arguments of those who would slacken the tempo of immigration from North Africa, where political circumstances make the emigration of many Jews imperative. Of the 12,000 North African Jews who have arrived in recent months about two-thirds have gone to outlying settlement and development areas, and the fear for their absorption appears greatly exaggerated.

## ON THE AIR

**FIRST PROGRAMME**

232, 249, 48.9 & 49.5 M.

News, Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 a.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 and 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Megillat Esther. 9.00 Songs & Dances of the Oriental Communities. 9.30 Children's Hour. 10.00 Light Music. 11.00 Adloyada Announcements. 11.10 Light Music. 12.15 Adloyada Announcements. 12.30 Light Music. 1.45 Break for Music. 3.30 Adloyada Commentary. 5.00 Light Music. 7.00 Noah's Ark. Special Purim Programme: Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: George Singer, Soloist: Ruth Sharon. Works by Strauss, Kalman, Heuberger, Dvorak, Rubay & Lavy. 8.00 Megilla Songs. 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 A Drunken Night's Rodar. 9.15 Purim Spiel, 9.45 "127" by Shmuel Rosen. 10.15 Purim Songs & Dance Music. 12.00 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**

488, 407, 232, 210, 48.9 & 49.5 M.

1.45 p.m. English News. 2.00 French News. 2.15 Close Down. 5.15 p.m. Folk Dances. 10.15 English News. 10.30 Folk Dances. 11.00 Close Down.

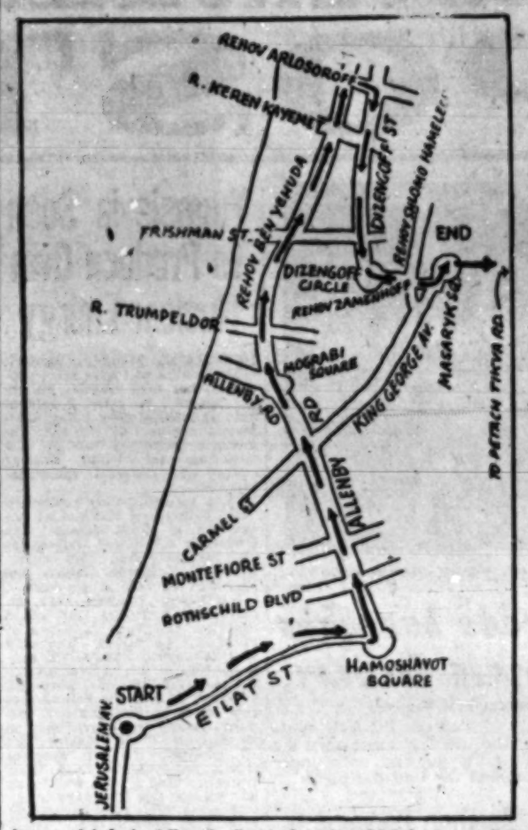
**IMMIGRANTS' HOUR:** 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 2.45 Rumanian. 5.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

**RADIO LAGOLA** (25.3 M.) 11.15 p.m. News. 11.35 "This Also Happened." 11.50 Purim Songs. 11.45 Morning Conversation.

**ARMY PROGRAMME** (44.4, 216, 205 & 200 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow & Arrow." 7.00 Noah's Ark. 8.00 Adloyada Commentary. 8.30 News. 8.45 Purim Programme. 10.30 Close Down.

**B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS:** (25.53, 31.32, 19.82 & 31.32 M.): 5.30-7.00 p.m. News, "This England...." Art Gfroerer.

# Follow the Parade




*A map of today's Adloyada Carnival route, which begins at Jerusalem Avenue in Jaffa and winds up at Masaryk Square in Tel Aviv.*

# AT THE CINEMA

THREE Coins in the Fountain" (Orion, J'lem) is an enchantment from any point of view. Three American secretaries — Dorothy McGuire, Jean Peters and Maggie ("The Moon is Blue") McNamara, meet Clifton Webb, Louis Jourdan and Rossano Brazzi in Rome, which is becoming as fashionable in letters and the cinema as Paris was after the First World War. The romances are highly individual, with Clifton Webb turning in a superior performance. The film is good comedy, but the panoramas of Rome and Venice in Cinemascope steal the show. There is furthermore the haunting title song. *FRANGO*

**Do-Gooders in Luxury**

THE Peer, Haifa celebrated its first anniversary with a special performance of "The Magnificent Obsession," a film of the type first popularised by "The Razor's Edge." This time the theme is that happiness comes from doing good without bruiting it in the world. And when the painter tells the millionaire that this is a very hard road, you catch the mystical echo. "The Magnificent Obsession" is set in the glossiness of luxury living, gorgeous landscapes, magnificent hospitals — the pastel shades of the colours are really good — a world where even playboy millionaire can be reformed and everybody does good. Jane Wyman plays her customary best, simply and honestly whether in love or suffering blindness. The male star is Rock Hudson.

**Superlative Idyll**

QUITE the most idyllic and charming film seen for many a long day is "Bread, Love and Fantasy" (Orah, Haifa). A critic usually shuns superlatives but it is hard to find other words for this story of an Italian village, and of the chain of events which gradually wean a confirmed bachelor of a police sergeant away from the much younger tomboy to happiness in marriage with the local midwife. We have it all, the village priest who so well understands his charges, the village gossips hungering after scandal, the carabinieri, themselves peasants, holding themselves in dignified yet friendly relationship to the local inhabitants, the mixture of rural piety and cynicism, the comedy permeating an atmosphere of poverty. Above all, we have the wonderful performance of Vittorio de Sica as the sergeant, gallant, serious and human, and the straight acting of Gina Lollobrigida as the girl who plays havoc with men's hearts, a part that might have been a stock one but is played to the point. *H.*

## PRINCIPLES OF FILM CENSORSHIP IN BILL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government is now discussing a bill embodying six principles governing the censorship of films, Mr. S. B. Yeshaya, Jerusalem District Representative, and chairman of the film censorship board, has informed *The Jerusalem Post*. The principles are: faith; religious tradition; law, justice and public order; morals and behaviour; violence, cruelty, matters of sex and disrobing; and international relations.

The Government is also discussing restricting the showing of certain films to certain age groups, thus preventing young people from seeing films meant only for adults.

## Cinemas

**JERUSALEM**

At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Hiawatha.
EDEN: Washington Story.
EDISON: Hans Christian Anderson. 2nd week.
OHGIL: Thom.
ORION: Three Coins in the Fountain.
ORNA: The Lawless Breed.
RON: So This Is Paris, 2nd week.
STUDIO: Kind Hearts and Coronets, 4th week.
TEL ON: Tarzan's Savage Fury.
ZION HALL: Tropic Zone.

**TEL AVIV**

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Verdi, 2nd week.
HOGRABI: How to Marry a Millionaire, 3rd week.
OPHIR: "La Grande Speranza."
ORION: City Lights, 4th week.
SHDEROT: The Damned Don't Cry.
TAMAR: The Captain's Paradise. Also continuous from 3.45 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

**HAIFA**

GAL-ON: City Across the River. Matinee: Adventures of Casanova.
MORIAH: Small Town Girl. Matinee: Alice in Wonderland.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Robe, 2nd week.
ORION: So Big, 3rd week.

**JERUSALEM**

★ Exhibitions:—
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Naharlya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.) 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.
Oil Paintings and Pen Drawings by Yosl Bergner. Exhibition of Paintings of the 17th century from the Museum's collection. Exhibit of the Month: Glass Vessel mounted in gold, 1st-3rd centuries A.D.; gift of Mr. Jack Linsky, New York. Also Arts and Crafts Exhibition in memory of Mr. Y. Elath. Bezalel Museum. 9-1, 2-6.
Exhibition of Oils and Drawings by Shlomo Van Den Berg and Sculptures by David Palombo, "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 3-6.
10th anniversary of Habonim Hachuah Hameuhedet youth movement. Clubhouse, Rehov Agrid, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-10 p.m.

★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building. King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Show: —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11:30 a.m.

★ Library:—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.

**TEL AVIV**

★ Exhibitions:—
1) Abstract and Surrealist Paintings. 2) Nahum Gutman, recent works. 3) Hiroshige colour woodcuts (Collection Dr. McGrail). Open daily 10-4, Fridays, Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 4-10 p.m. Tel Aviv Museum.

★ Theatres —
Habimah, "The Tea House." Habimah, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "Cambian." Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Chamber Theatre Hall, 8 p.m.
De-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul." Beit Ha'am Hall, 9 p.m.

**HAIFA**

★ Exhibitions: —
Jewish Antiquities. Egyptian, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine. Municipal Museum of Ancient Art. Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

**RAMAT GAN**

★ Theatres:—
"Cocktail 1955" Revue and the Glen Red Paris Ballet. Premiere, Mograbi, 4 and 8.30 p.m.

**Traditional Purim Dinner**

with the participation of Dr. S.Z. Kahane (Director General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs) and the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Levanon; also artistic performances, on Tuesday evening, March 8, at 7 p.m.

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# U.S. Envoy Studies Work of Hadassah

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, yesterday toured Hadassah institutions in the Jerusalem area. Mr. Lawson, who was accompanied by the Cultural Attache to the Embassy, Mr. Thomas McGrail, was shown around by Mrs. A. Granott, Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, Dr. E.J. Mann, Director of the Hadassah Medical Organization, and Dr. L. Miller, Head of Hadassah's Community Health Services.

The Ambassador had lunch at the Ziv Hospital with members of the Hadassah Council, including Mr. David Horovitz, the U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem and Mrs. W. Cole, the Dean of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School, Professor Wertheimer, and the Assistant Dean, Mr. Pryves.

In his reply to a speech of welcome by Mrs. Granott, the Ambassador said Hadassah was instilling in the population a sense of loyalty to the country and adaptation to communal life.

He was especially proud of the part which American women were playing in the work of Hadassah which was benefiting not only Israel but the world as a whole.

**Visitors from U.S.**

Two groups of Hadassah women, comprising 64 representatives from all States of the U.S., are now on a fortnight's tour of their organization's projects in Israel. Mrs. P. Mack, of New York, Chairman of Supplies, leads one group, while Mrs. H. Billig, of Long Island, member of the National Board, heads the second party. Their itinerary has covered Hadassah institutions and Youth Aliya foundations in Jerusalem and Galilee. Dr. Mann held a reception in their honour on Saturday at his home in Jerusalem.

## ISRAEL DIVER PLACES THIRD IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Monday (INA). — Yoav Ra'anan, the Israel diving champion, came third to the British and Austrian champions in an international contest at the Highgate Baths here on Saturday. Three other national champions participated.

## TYSON, STATHAM ADD 72 FOR LAST WICKET

At the close of the second day's play at Christchurch yesterday, Canterbury needed 24 runs with five wickets in hand to save an innings defeat. M.C.C. bowlers, Tyson and Statham, added 72 in a last wicket stand for the tourists, with fast bowler Tyson in a different guise, hitting 62 runs not out. The M.C.C. totalled 302 runs. Canterbury hit up 140 in its first innings and had 138 for five when stumps were drawn. One day is left for play. *(A.R.)*

## ISRAEL AT PLOVDIV

The Government Committee on Fairs has decided to participate in the Plovdiv (Bulgaria) international fair in September. This brings to 10 the number of fairs in which Israel will take part this year.

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# SUGAR RAY FACED WITH SUSPENSION

BOSTON, Monday (UP). — The Massachusetts State Boxing Commission decided on Saturday to wait until Monday to consider possible suspension of Sugar Ray Robinson, who backed out of a scheduled 10-round bout here with George Small when he announced a last-minute "illness."

Commissioner Joe Reardon said "We'll wait until Monday to take any course of action" on Callahan A.C. matchmaker Sam Silverman's request that Robinson be suspended for not going through with the Boston Garden bout on Saturday night. The entire six-fight card was cancelled.

For Robinson, former middleweight and welterweight titlist, it was the second suspension he faced in his comeback campaign to lift the crown currently held by middleweight King Carl (Bobo) Olson.

In San Francisco Anthony Petronella, President of the National Boxing Association, said he would recommend that Ray Robinson be placed on the ill and unavailable list after being informed that the former middle and welterweight champion had refused to go through with the bout in Boston.

"It looks as if Robinson were up to his old tricks again," Petronella said. "I'm going to tell Henry Robinson as Chairman of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission that Robinson should be placed on the ill and unavailable list until he fulfils his contract with the Callahan A.C."

## 1882 Records Broken

LOS ANGELES, Monday (UP). — Bill Mihalo, of Hollywood, yesterday broke the seven-mile record of the world's professional Walking Assn. set in 1882 with a time of 48 minutes 30 seconds on the quarter-mile cinder track at Hollywood High School. The old record of 49 minutes 1 second was set by James Donovan of New York.

Mihalo, 39, raced against Matt Kress, Detroit, second, and Joe Johnson, Los Angeles, third. Mihalo broke the world's professional record for the four-mile walk two weeks ago. It also was set by Donovan.

## WATCHDOGS READY

More than two dozen selected watchdogs are available at the Jerusalem Animal Hospital free of charge to border settlements, Mr. Th. F. Meysels, Chairman of the Jerusalem Animal Hospital, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. He was commenting on Sunday's call by the Jerusalem Curoner, Mr. Y. Bazak, for the increased use of guard dogs in frontier villages.

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## U.S. FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE ESSAY CONTEST

TEL AVIV, Monday (USIS). — The Israel-America Friendship League has announced its sponsorship of an essay contest open to all high school pupils to mark the American Jewish tercentenary now being celebrated in the U.S. The theme is "Man's Opportunities and Responsibilities under Freedom," and must deal with some aspect of Jewish life in the U.S.

The essay, in Hebew, is not to exceed 1,500 words. The League will award five prizes, the first being a radio set. Entries should be mailed to the League's office, 30, Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv, not later than April 1.

## NEW EXHIBITS AT Z.O.A. HOUSE

TEL AVIV, Monday. — An exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Columbia University, to be followed by one on the history of American music are planned for this month and next at ZOA House here.

They are part of the recently inaugurated series of exhibits arranged in cooperation with the American Embassy and local organizations, aimed at strengthening cultural ties between Israel and the U.S., Mr. Jacob M. Alkow, chairman of the Programme Committee, has announced.

The first of the new series, on American paintings, ended a few days ago.

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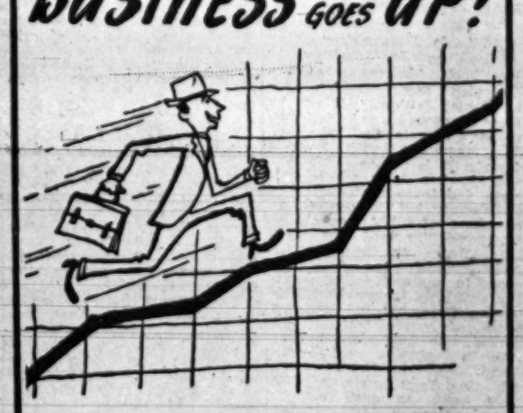

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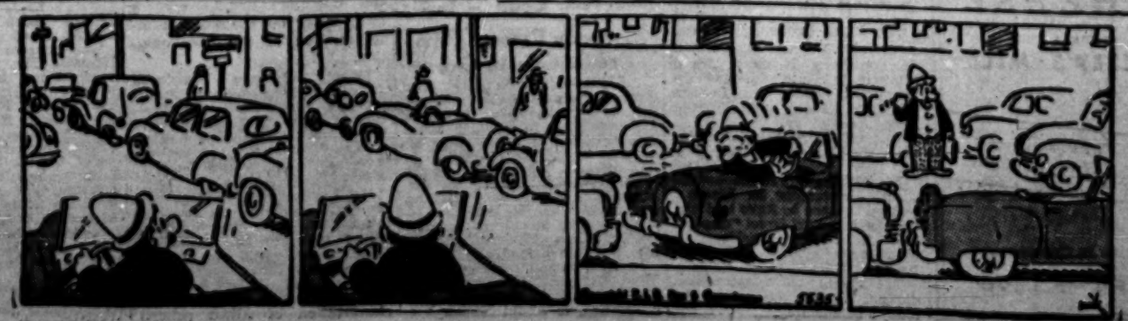

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**THE WEATHER**

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| Lydda Airport | 61 | 7 | 19 | 26 |
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*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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**2,215 TOURISTS** arrived in Israel last month, 40 per cent more than in February, 1954, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman said yesterday. In January there were 1,720 tourists, 23 per cent more than in January, 1954.

**IL3,000 WAS RAISED** for the Building Fund of the Hospital for Crippled and Paralyzed Children in Katamon, Jerusalem, at a ball held by the "Aluma" Freemasons Lodge at the King David Hotel on Saturday night.

**FIVE SETTLERS** of Moshav Ahizamah were arrested on Friday and Sunday by Lydda police on charges of not sending their children to elementary school. They were released in bond.

## Police Alert to Cope With Tel Aviv Crowds

Jerusalem Post Staff

From Dan to Beersheba children in fancy dress held the centre of attention in all the towns and villages of Israel.

In the settlements of Northern Galilee, they changed into gay Purim costumes from their blue and khaki uniforms, which they had worn during the ceremony marking the 35th anniversary of the defence of Tel Hai at the graveside of Yosef Trumpeldor in Kfar Giladi on Sunday.

Beersheba will be strangely quiet for the festival, although all the villages in the Negev have each arranged their own celebrations. The weather forecast for the Northern Negev later last night was that the temperature was expected to drop near freezing point.

Some 2,000 Beersheba citizens are locking their homes and travelling to Tel Aviv for today's parade. The Beersheba branch of the Arish Taxi Company has arranged to divert many of its cars through Jerusalem and Haifa in order to carry pleasure seekers from those cities to the central Adloyada parade.

Late night traffic from Haifa was still slack.

**Police headquarters of the Tel Aviv district have ordered a 48-hour stand-to because of the huge crowds gathered in the city. Many policemen have also been brought from other parts of the country.**

**As part of the safety precautions** previously announced, police have placed rope barriers along the streets where the Adloyada parade will pass. These are secured to 500 loaded oil drums; 17 kilometres of rope were used. These "defences" stood the test when they served to hold the crowd back from the school-children procession yesterday.

### Synagogue Packed

Crowds packed Tel Aviv's Great Synagogue last night to hear the traditional reading of the Megilla. At seven o'clock Rabbi I. Y. Unterman, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, mounted the "bima," followed by the reader, Mr. Z. Rabinowitz. The time-honoured opening "and it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus" was heard throughout the land over Kol Yisrael radio.

Patriarchal-looking elders, gaily costumed children and uniformed service men were seated in the congregation, which filled every inch of space in the brightly lit synagogue. The overflow heard the service over loud-speakers in Allenby Road.

Haman met his annual fate with volleys of rattles, toy-pistols and crackers, set off by children, whenever his infamous name was mentioned.

Apart from the perennial pirates and pierrots, queens, clowns and cowboys, the originality of many of the children's costumes caused passers-by to stand and stare. A Police Corporal in his late twenties walked hand in hand with a six-year old Deputy District Superintendent, and the presence of many "Military Policemen" caused no embarrassment to soldiers in holiday mood.

An open box of cigarettes and an El Al aeroplane followed a young telephone girl who wore an instrument instead of a hat, around Tel Aviv streets. One girl was so realistically made up as an aged stooping beggar, that several people went up to her to give her money.

A well-known Tel Aviv beggar stood plying his trade in Allenby Road, wearing a top-hat.

Revellers were momentarily taken-in last night, when a bell-ringing fire-engine tore down Allenby Street preceeded by a Police motor-cyclist. A fancy-dress fireman on board "gave the game away," and the crowd was relieved to discover that it was a mock-call.

A costume ball is being held each evening during Purim week at E.O.A. House where there are traditional Purim parties given by Wiso, the Israel Air Force, ex-members of the R.A.F., the Association of Hebrew University Students and other organizations. One of the parties is being sponsored by a Youth Section organized by E.O.A. House to combat juvenile delinquency.

## Jerusalem Goes 'Crackers' Early

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Although Purim officially begins only tonight in Jerusalem, six Jerusalem children had been slightly hurt by fireworks by yesterday afternoon, a Magen David Adom spokesman told The Jerusalem Post last night. Most of them were hurt not by ready-made fire crackers but by home-made "atom-bombs."

The centre of town was lively with the explosion of crackers the whole evening.

Fireworks were banned in Tel Aviv and the Haifa correspondent of *The Jerusalem Post* reported "Haifaites don't go in for this noisy kind of stuff." There is no law against the shooting off of fire-works in Jerusalem, according to the Legal Adviser to the Municipality.

"We sell fireworks only to older children," Mr. Leopold (Arie) Rosenfeld, of Rosenfeld Toys in Rehov Jaffa told *The Jerusalem Post*, turning away Captain Kidd, aged five, who was imperiously demanding ammunition for his breach-loader.

Mr. Rosenfeld said sales of Purim finery and *Shlachmones* had been brisk. The best line were fancy hats. "The Clown," known locally as Danny Kaye (pronounced Kye) being the favourite, followed by "Zorro," a broad-brimmed highwayman's hat with skull and crossbones, and the cap of the Paris "Flic" called "Free France" for some mysterious reason close runners-up.

Red Indians and cowboys were not so fashionable this year. Paper masques also appeared out of vogue, but great interest was displayed in novel rubber masques ranging from Greta Garbo to the devil himself. The masque of a Chinese was sold as "Mao Tse-tung" and "Chiang Kai-shek" to clients of varying political shades.

Asked why fireworks had been permitted in Jerusalem, Mr. Rosenfeld explained "Who in Jerusalem hasn't learnt to distinguish between a fire-cracker and a real shot."

Tomorrow, members of various youth groups and Youth Aliya institutions in the Jerusalem area will parade through the streets of the capital in biblical and historical costumes. They will present Purim gifts to the President and the two Chief Rabbis.

A children's Purim party was held on Sunday afternoon at the Wiso Club in Jerusalem.

The Book of Esther will be read tonight on the "Observation Roof" on Mount Zion facing the Wailing Wall.

At the same time a "Megilot Room" will be opened on Mt. Zion, containing Scrolls rescued from destroyed synagogues in the Diaspora. The Room will be open to the public until Pessah eve.

Indian immigrants will visit Jerusalem and Mount Zion today and call on the Chief Rabbis.

## Immigrants, Tourists Arrive for Purim

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA, Monday. — A day late because of a storm, but still in time for Purim, the s.s. Artza arrived here this morning with 116 immigrants, the majority from North Africa and 14 from Hungary, five from Bulgaria, and one from Poland. The North African arrivals were transferred at once to agricultural development areas. Those from East Europe, mostly elderly persons, joined their families here.

Among the Artza's passengers were also 40 British pilgrims led by Rev. L.C. Pearson, and two B.B.C. men who will gather material for a feature broadcast.

This morning, the 22,000 ton s.s. Queen Frederica arrived from Egypt with over 300 tourists from many countries, including Germany, for a one-day visit. After excursions, mostly to the sacred sites in Galilee, the visitors returned to their ship which sailed before midnight to Yugoslavia.

The American Express liner, Independence, is due to dock here tomorrow morning with some 400 tourists. One group will stay in Jerusalem tomorrow night while a second will view the Adloyada in Tel Aviv going to Jerusalem on Wednesday. All will return to Haifa by Wednesday night, when the boat is due to leave.

Over 80 tourists from the Independence crossed into Israel from Jordan this afternoon in a matter of minutes, owing to the aid and cooperation of the Border Police; Yatour, the local representative of the American Express Co.; and the Government Tourist Office.

Miss Rina Nikova and her dance troupe have been invited to perform on the Independence during its stay here. This is the fifth year that Miss Nikova and her ballet troupe have entertained American Export Line ships in Israel.

At Lydda Airport, a special plane arrived today bringing 27 Jewish soldiers stationed in Germany for the Purim festivities. They have been given leave of absence until Thursday.

## Pressure Growing For African Emigration

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Pressure in Morocco and Tunisia to emigrate to Israel is rapidly growing, declared Mr. A. Ziegel, Director of the Jewish Agency Absorption Department, at a meeting of absorption officials here today.

Of the 370,000 Jews living in these countries, there is at the moment a potential of 70,000 migrants.

Mr. Ziegel, who has just returned from a month's visit to North Africa, said that while the situation there had deteriorated, there is no cause for panic. In Morocco, 40,000 persons have registered for emigration to Israel, but only 10,000 have been examined by the Agency selection board. Largely responsible for this increased trend are the messages and favourable news sent by North African immigrants here.

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## Capital, Corridor Entertain Each Other

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A caravan of more than a thousand persons, including musicians and actors, left Jerusalem yesterday evening in donated jeeps, lorries and private cars to spend the evening as Purim guests of 34 settlements of new immigrants in the Jerusalem Corridor. They did not come empty-handed, but brought with them 30,000 *Oznei Haman*, 2,000 bottles of wine, 180 crates of oranges, sweets, books and other presents, all donated by various public-spirited organizations in the capital.

The celebrations varied with the settlement. In Agur, for instance, the entire village assembled around an open space where the youngsters and guests joined in a wild hora, while the adults looked on smilingly, mothers holding sleeping babies in their arms, the fathers stamping their feet or waving their weapons to the tune of the music. In nearby Zacharia, the centre of attraction was a Kurdish folk dance by a vivacious young girl who needed both arms to keep her suitors at arm's length.

In other settlements, communal dinners were given and dancing was to the songs of accordions or the Gadna band. Massach, the Jerusalem amateur theatrical group, sent several troupes to entertain the settlements.

The scheme, under the patronage of Mrs. Zipporah Sharett, was organised by Telem, the theatrical managing group which brings plays and artistic performances to the settlements; the Information and Civic Education Services; Shurat Hamitnadvim and Gadna. Among the moving spirits behind yesterday's celebrations were Mr. A. Dotan, of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Ze'ev Yosifon, of Telem.

Dressed as Queen Esther, 83-year-old Yosifon was greeted everywhere as an old friend.

## Haifa Takes Gifts To Crippled Children

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — A group of this city's leading ladies, active members of Hanshil (volunteer welfare organization to aid polio-stricken children), spared a thought, time and some strenuous effort to bring a little Purim joy into the lives of those children who could not join the parties and parades. Yesterday, they brought Purim parcels of good cheer to more than 100 child polio and cripple cases in *ma'abarot*, new immigrant centres and poorer areas of Greater Haifa. For about 100 others, the postman will have knocked by today and tomorrow. Doctors too have agreed to distribute the parcels to children confined in hospitals.

In the parcels were T-shirts and shorts donated by Ata, sweets and chocolate from Elite and Lieber, fresh buns from the Haifa Municipality, books and toys from private shopkeepers, and nylon socks from Tnuva to hold it all.

## Myerson: End Of Water-Carrying Due

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH, Monday. — "This road is a symbol of the strong ties which unite the various parts of the population of Israel and it will help in the establishment of that mutual understanding between Jews and Arabs which is so desperately needed now," Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, this morning told a gathering of villagers and builders now completing a road outside Kafr Kara, in the Little Triangle.

Mrs. Myerson was on an extensive tour of five Little Triangle and Galilee villagers where roads are now being laid as Government employment projects.

At Umm el Fahm, to which an approach road was opened last week, the Minister was surprised to be received by Miss Afaf Said Riyal, who welcomed her on behalf of Israel's Arab village women.

Replying to the young lady's request for help in laying a water line to the village, Mrs. Myerson declared with emotion that the age was rapidly vanishing in which village women had to carry pitchers of water on their heads. Water taps would soon be installed in every village house, she said. She urged the village to strive towards full equality between men and women for the prosperity and health of their community as a whole.

At the Office of the Military Governor in Nazareth, Mrs. Myerson reviewed a guard of honour formed by military policemen, and then continued her tour to Mashad, Kafr Kana and Tur'an where she promised her Ministry's help in supplying water, electricity and roads.

Back in this town, the Minister declared open the first Arab vocational training centre, the sixth to be opened in a year. The very large gathering included the Military Governor of Galilee, Aluf-Mishne Michael Michael; Arab Members of the Knesset, Mayor Armin Jarissa; heads of the Christian, Moslem and Druze communities; kadis and Municipal and Local Councillors.

A spokesman of the Ministry of Labour told *The Jerusalem Post* that over IL60,000 had been spent on road-building in the five villages visited by Mrs. Myerson. Half of this sum had been raised by the villagers. During the 1954-55 financial year, employment projects had provided 50,000 work-days in 14 Arab villages and five towns. An average of 450 Arab workers a time have been employed in rotation on these projects with a total wage bill of IL185,000.

### NEW ORLEANS BANNER COMES TO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The flag of New Orleans and the carnival banner of that city were presented yesterday to Mayor Haim Levanon by Mr. Phillip Brenner and his daughter, Mrs. I. Grad, on behalf of the Mayor of New Orleans, Mr. De Lesseps Morrison. Mrs. Grand is Mr. Morrison's secretary.

Mrs. Grand also presented Mr. Levanon with a certificate for 100 trees planted in his honour by Hadassah of New Orleans.

### TEACHER DROPS CASE AGAINST MINISTER

At the request of the "Messianic Jewess" Mrs. Rahel Bar-Giora, the High Court yesterday discharged the order *nisi* it had issued calling on the Minister of Education to show cause why he should not rescind Mrs. Bar-Giora's dismissal, for her post as teacher in Eilat.

The appliecant gave no reason for her request, and she was ordered to pay IL50 court costs to the respondent. *(Ilm.)*

## Two Get Life for Bension Murder

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday found Shaul Nehemia, 30, and Avraham Siton (right in above photograph) and Mordechai Goslan, (left) both aged 22, guilty of the murder of Dr. Samuel Bension and of an attempt to murder his son-in-law, Mr. Gideon Rynar, near their home in Jerusalem's Kiryat Moshe quarter on the night of August 20 last year.

Siton and Goslan were sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder and 12 years for the attempted murder, the sentences to run concurrently. Sentence on Nehemia was postponed to enable his attorney, Mr. Y. Hagler, who has been ill, to make his plea.

In their judgment, the three judges stated that they accepted the accuseds' claim that their intention had been to kidnap Mr. Rynar because the Bension family had dispossessed Nehemia from an apartment in their house. They rejected for lack of evidence the prosecution claim that the murder had been premeditated.

The Court found, however, that Nehemia had intentionally fired 13 shots from a machinegun, as a result of which Bension was killed and Mr. Rynar wounded, rejecting Nehemia's claim that the shots escaped from his gun when he became excited by the shouts around him. A tommy gun weighs five kilograms when its magazine is full and some four kg. of pressure are needed to press the trigger, it held.

The Court rejected the accuseds' claim that, according to the programme, Nehemia would remain in the car until the two others kidnapped Rynar. The weight of evidence pointed to the fact that Nehemia had stepped out of the car with, or immediately after, the others with the aim of observing the kidnapping operation.

Siton and Goslan were also found guilty of murder under section 24 of the Criminal Code which states that when persons act jointly for an illegal purpose, and in so doing commit an offence which is a possible result of that joint act, each is guilty of that offence.

Before judgment was handed down, Nehemia, whose left leg is amputated, asked for mercy on account of his wife and children "for whose sake I sit in the dock." He asked for a suspended sentence, stating that he was prepared to pay 75 per cent of his income for the rest of his life in compensation to the Bension family.

Before his transfer to prison, Siton was taken by the police at his request to the home of his grandmother, who could not come to the court because of illness.

The Court consisted of Relieving President H. E. Baker and Judges M. Gaulan and Y. Cohen. Mr. E. Hedaya appeared for the prosecution.

## Man on Trial For Murder of Wife

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — Police officers gave evidence in the District Court here today in the trial of Marco Sturm, accused of the murder of his wife, Lisa, in the Haifa Rabbinate Office on March 2, 1954. He pleaded not guilty.

The witnesses said the accused had told them that his relations with his wife had deteriorated after his brother-in-law had arrived in the country and had come to live with them. His wife then frequently left home. Neighbours in vain attempted to reconcile the pair. The wife eventually went to live with her brother in Kiryat Motzkin, where a fight occurred in which a shovel was used and Sturm was injured. He refused to give his wife a divorce, he said, because of his love for her and of their two children, a boy and a girl.

On the day of the killing, husband and wife went to the Rabbinate here, where they were put together in a room to see if they could effect a reconciliation. The accused allegedly told the police officers that quite suddenly he felt blood flowing from his foot and saw his wife holding a knife. He made a grab for the knife and his wife dropped it, he said. They both dashed for it, but he got hold of it first, and in the ensuing struggle stabbed his wife in the stomach and back. She died on the spot. He said he had not meant to kill her.

The Court is composed of President Y. Asulai, Judges Y. Kahan and Mrs. A. Winogradov. The Galilee District Attorney, Mr. Y. Bahalul, is prosecuting. Sturm is defended by Y. Eshel.

## Herbon Claims Second Murder

Israel Herbon, who is now serving a sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of Isaac Cohen in May, 1953, has made a statement declaring that it was he who murdered Haim Schmerz at Bat Yam in November 1952, and not Eliahu Goldenberg, who was sentenced to death for this murder.

The High Court yesterday ordered the Tel Aviv District Court to hear testimony from Herbon in this matter.

Goldenberg was sentenced to death by the Tel Aviv District Court in December 1953 (before the abolition of the death penalty), and his appeal was to have been heard yesterday.

The District Court will now decide whether Goldenberg played any part in the murder, after which the case will be returned to the High Court.

The Court was composed of the President, Justice Olshan, and Justices Silberg and Goitein.

## Half of Jordan's Budget for Defence

AMMAN, Monday (Reuter). — The Government today submitted to Parliament its budget for 1956, which is estimated at 17,874,361 dinars — nearly half of which is for defence.

Included in the budget is a £2m. loan from Britain.

The Jordan Finance Minister, Anastas Hanania, told Parliament that the Government had taken emergency measures in the light of the bad agricultural season.

## City Councils Being Stymied By Religious Parties' Politics

Jerusalem Post Staff

The religious parties have threatened a walkout in municipal councils where they hold the balance of power with the General Zionists unless the latter relax pressure on Mayor Y. Kariv, of Jerusalem, to resign, it was learned in Jerusalem last night.

The first indication of this hyper-politicization of local affairs appeared on Sunday night when Mr. Moshe D. Magid (Mizrahi) boycotted the Tel Aviv Municipal Council meeting to try to prevent a vote from being taken on the budget.

The Opposition in the Council was informed before the meeting that Mr. Magid would not be present. As the vote was being taken the Opposition walked out of the Council meeting, but it was passed anyway.

By this manoeuvre the religious parties who maintain that Jerusalem must at all costs have an orthodox mayor, hope to bring pressure on Mayor Haim Levanon, of Tel Aviv, to persuade his General Zionist colleagues in Jerusalem to agree to Mr. Kariv's remaining.

During the next 10 days it is expected that the religious parties will walk out of other Municipal Council meetings where the General Zionists depend upon them for support. One of these is Petah Tikva. It was for this reason that Mayor Kariv at Sunday night's Council meeting wanted a week's postponement of a special meeting to consider the "special situation" that resulted when the General Zionists withdrew their support from Mr. Kariv.

### ARABS PROTEST AT TEACHER'S BOOK

A protest by the Triangle's inhabitants against the publication of "Jews in Exile," a book by Elias Daniel, an Israel Arab teacher, was expressed in a telegram received by *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday from Salim Khalil, on behalf of a gathering of villagers at Tayiba.

The book contains "libels and calumnies against our Great Prophet" and would "create dissension between this country's two nationalities," the telegram states. "We demand that the book be confiscated and its author penalized," it concluded.

## Deny JDC Ransom For E. Europe Emigration

There is no truth in the report from "The Times" Rome correspondent and published by *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday alleging payments made by the American Joint Distribution Committee to allow the migration of Jews from East European countries, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday. No such "arrangement" had ever been considered and the whole story is nothing but a "malicious fabrication," the spokesman continued, adding that it was regrettable that a responsible paper had been guilty of such a deplorable error.

It is worthy of mention, he said, that a similar story from Rome which appeared last week in "The New York Times" had been categorically denied.

It must be noted with satisfaction, the spokesman continued, that several West European countries have recently granted their Jewish citizens permission to join their relatives in this country. In particular, Bulgaria has granted such requests as a matter of policy during the past few years.

**DENIED.** — The Japanese Foreign Ministry yesterday officially denied local press reports that America had issued a warning to Japan that she would freeze assets of Japanese firms which "went too far" in trading with Communist countries.

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## Police Track Two Babes in Galilee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS Monday. — Two small children disappeared in the Galilee hills during the last 24 hours, but were found again unharmed after police from Safad had mobilized a large number of trackers and bloodhounds.

First a five-year-old Beduin boy of the tribe camping in Wadi A-Tawaheen near Safad went astray. Yesterday morning he went out to graze goats with his ten-year-old brother. At noon he said he felt ill and would go home. When the brother returned in the evening the child was missing. The Beduin searched all night in vain and alarmed the police this morning. A hundred men scattered over the hillside and found the child alive and safe at 10 o'clock beside a well three kilometres from his home. He had lost his way and fallen asleep when it grew dark, he said.

The constables were just returning to their station when they received a wireless message that another child two years old, was missing from his home at Meron. This time the entire force conducted a search until five o'clock in the afternoon when the child was found two kilometres east of Meron.

### Hotel for Naveh Ilan

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — A 60-room hotel is to be built near Naveh Ilan in the Jerusalem Hills, according to Mr. P. Schwartz, representative of a group of French investors who have combined for the building of the hotel with Ihud Hakvutzot Ve-Hakibbutzim and Naveh Ilan itself. Mr. Schwartz, who arrived by El Al today, said that the hotel would have three buildings and be surrounded by a 50-dunam wood. The plans are by Mr. Joseph Klarwein, of Jerusalem. *(Itim.)*

### FLYING FILM-MEN SHOOT BIBLE SITES

LYDDA, Monday. — A "flying film unit" working on the second "Cinerama" film, "Wonders of the World," arrived here today in a plane owned by its chief, Mr. P. Mantz. They intend shooting Biblical sites from the air for part of the film in the section "The Holy Land," and will remain for only 12 hours, Mr Mantz said that so far they have filmed wild beasts in Nairobi, the mountains of Kenya and Kilimanjaro, the Victoria Falls, and Bangkok. After here, the group will visit Pisa, Venice, Gibraltar, Panama and Alaska, filming scenes almost entirely from the air. *(Itim.)*

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## Protestant Group in US Raps Arab Intransigence

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — The Long Island Committee for Peace and Justice in the Near East composed of Protestant clergymen, today sent a strongly pro-Israel statement of proposals for bringing about peace between Israel and the Arabs to President Eisenhower.

The statement, signed by 62 ministers, says: "The Arab states have perpetuated the state of war with Israel, agreeing neither to meet with her representatives nor to cooperate in the solution of outstanding problems." Vigorously opposing arms shipments to the Arab states the ministers continued: "We fear that the powder sent to the spark-filled Near East may set off a new explosion. Moreover the arms sent would be wholly inadequate for the purpose intended, and might readily become instruments in the hands of selfish rulers to prevent badly needed democratic changes. At the same time such arms shipments tend to embolden Arab leaders towards new adventures against Israel."

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# Economic News from Abroad

**Prosperous Venezuela**

● Oil constitutes 98 per cent of Venezuelan exports and provides 60 per cent of its state revenue, but iron ore is also growing in importance. Over 4m. tons of high-grade ore were exported in 1954 and shipments are eventually expected to reach at least 22m. tons annually. Out of this year's $700m. Government budget, $200m. will be spent on public works, including housing, irrigation, sewerage, highways, hospitals and the university. A surplus of $80m. is expected despite record expenditure, and the currency reserves remain at about $500m.

**Greece Slowly Improving**

● Greek exports rose by eight per cent in 1954, but imports also increased by five per cent, and the trade deficit remained unchanged. The foreign currency gap decreased, however, from $79m. in 1953 to $40m., mainly owing to increased military expenditure. The national income rose by eight per cent, chiefly on account of higher industrial production, while agricultural output was almost at the same level as in 1953. With the improved economic situation, domestic savings also increased and are now providing the means for two-thirds of the total capital investments, which are running at about 13 per cent of gross national income.

**Egypt Demands Sterling**

● A revision of the agreement concerning sterling funds in Britain has been requested by the Egyptian Government to help finance the acquisition of the Suez Canal surplus stores and assets. Since the agreement was negotiated in 1951, Egypt's sterling balance has declined from £250m. to £140m., of which £60m. are to be released over the next four to six years.

**Norway Investing Too Much**

● Norway's imports are to be cut by seven per cent and the Bank of Norway's discount rate has been raised from 2.5 to 3.5 per cent in an effort to reduce the growing foreign currency deficit, which exceeded $160m. in 1954 and to stop inflationary over-investment. (Norway's rate of investment is the highest in Europe—almost 30 per cent of the gross national product.) A special tax has been laid on contracts for new ships. Imports of cars from Western countries are to be halved and tighter controls put on imports from Eastern Europe.

**China Changes Currency**

● China's current yuan notes are to be replaced by new ones at a rate of one for every 10,000. The reform is intended to simplify bookkeeping and to check currency hoarders.

**Coal Shortage and Surplus**

● The coal market in Western Europe is tightening owing to the revival of industrial production, especially in Germany, the growth of coal exports to Britain and the decline in coal import from the U.S., resulting from the recent rise in freight rates. On the other hand, a coal surplus is now accumulating in America, and the U.S. Government recently decided to dispose of 10m. tons abroad under the foreign aid programme. (250,000 tons will be sold for sterling to Britain.) European prices are likely to rise. The Ruhr Coal Association wants an increase of 20 per cent, and this tendency will be further strengthened by the recent decision to cut British coal exports from almost 14m. to 13m. tons.

# Public Transport: Fares and Facts

By Our Economic Editor

THE public committee investigating transport hurried to submit its interim report and recommendations in order to put an end to the discussion about the appropriate level of bus fares. It now seems as if the result of the report has been to intensify this discussion. The bus cooperatives not only oppose the committee's recommendations because it failed to grant them their requests, but also question the validity of its calculations and declare that they will not abide by the proposed settlement. It seems therefore that the struggle will drag on for a fairly long time, particularly since we are dangerously near election time.

Some salient points, therefore, should not be lost sight of. First, whatever the present earnings of the bus companies and the salaries of their members, the fact is that the sums they are putting aside for the renewal of the bus fleet fall short of the actual requirements. The two-year-old special depreciation fund of the Ministry of Communications in which the cooperatives deposit fixed monthly instalments has improved the situation somewhat, but if these amounts are not increased considerably, the companies will encounter grave financial difficulties in a not distant future.

### Extra Pay

Second, while continuing to waste their capital assets, the cooperatives have regularly been distributing to their members salaries, allowances and other emoluments at a rate exceeding by over 25 per cent the not at all ungenerous amounts which the public committee unanimously considered to be appropriate for bus drivers and owners in this country, including a six per cent yield on invested capital. Moreover, they were allowed to do so while the Treasury was paying them a subsidy of about IL0.75m. per annum.

The exact level of salaries and social terms which should be fixed for public passenger transport is now the object of heated arguments, and the technical and accountancy details are of interest mainly for those directly concerned, but the fact that big savings could and should have been made is not at all contested. This is best illustrated by an argument brought forward by the cooperatives' spokesmen, who say that they have recently reduced members' earnings by some IL.20 per month on the advice of a Histadrut committee. This would amount to an overall saving to it.s time of IL2.5m. a year. The fact that these savings had not been implemented previously proves that the bus companies are both badly managed financially and very loosely supervised by the public authorities.

The third pretty firmly established point and perhaps the most important one, is that very substantial savings could be effected by better planning and more efficient service, such as the introduction of more diesel engines. This point should not be hidden by the circumstance that an increase in the present bus fares has been recommended by the public committee, for almost one half of the proposed increase of the companies' earnings is to be used to provide allowances to cooperative members for a period of two years in order to mitigate the shock of the reduced incomes recommended by the same committee.

### Minute Saving

As a matter of fact, a minute saving of one or two per cent would suffice to balance the bus companies' budgets (including the appropriate depreciation allowances, profits and wages envisaged by the public committee) and to dispense with the Treasury subsidy. A determined and efficient management could, therefore, easily turn the present huge deficits into surpluses even at the present fare level. Nor is it at all clear to what degree the committee took into account the considerable income derived by the bus companies from their ancillary services (funerals, tourists' and hikers' trips, transport of workers to out-of-the-way jobs, etc.)

On the other hand, it is clear that the public has attached too much importance to the question of bus fares. Even if these were raised by 25 per cent (the cooperatives' demand for 40 per cent was palpably meant to be bid down) the cost of living index would only rise by 1.25 point and the actual cost of living perhaps even less, for the number of bus rides per resident has decreased by about 25 per cent since 1951. There has also undeniably been, along with the steep rise in bus fares, a marked improvement in the quality of bus service. It is now more frequent and punctual, and the buses are tidier than three years ago, though credit for this should go mainly to the vigilant insistence of the Ministry of Communications.

The issue is therefore not merely that of a just price, but of the ways to manage and control a monopolistic public service. Many experts doubt whether a publicly owned and bureaucratically operated bus service would be any more efficient, and for the time being there has been no earnest proposal for nationalization of the bus services. Private ownership must be combined with efficient management and public control, which will take the sting out of the monopoly without hurting the positive profit motive. It is to this task, which will pose the most perplexing difficulties and require both goodwill and ingenuity, that public attention should be directed.

## Stocks and Commodities

### Tel Aviv Dull

THERE was very little interest among buyers on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange last week, and despite small fluctuations, no tendency developed. Business in general continued restricted. Tavel Dollar were somewhat firmer towards the week-end and moved up by six prutot on Sunday. Other State Loans showed only fractional changes. Milve Hova, quoted outside the Stock Exchange, was down to 87% during the week but rallied later, reaching 88½.

Industrials, too, showed little activity and few changes. While Pal. Potash advanced somewhat, I.L.D.C. lost one point, Kurdaneh was unchanged and Bank Leumi advanced five points during the week.

### New York Advances Again

WALL Street remained irregular but showed a clear advance over the beginning of the year, the market experiencing its fifth successive rise and registering a new 1955 high. Gains ranged up to $2.- for the day but were later partly wiped out by ever-recurrent profit-taking. Industrial issues led again. A general mood of cautiousness is felt in view of this week's start of the congressional "study" of the Stock Market.

At week's end, the Dow-Jones averages were: Industrials 419.-68, Rails 153.82, against 409.50 and 147.75 respectively a week ago.

### Continued Recovery in London

THE outstanding fact about the London Stock Exchange this week is the continued recovery. After a violent reaction to the announcement of the new 4½% bank-rate, the market now displays a confidence that is possibly somewhat exaggerated. Trading was restricted on the whole and Bulls and Institutions were still missing from the market. Their return might cause further advances. The fact is that Industrials at least are supported on expectations of dividends and bonuses, and these are still very strong because of good business reports. The Financial Times Ordinary Share Index was 266.2 against 178.9 the week before. Specially strong features at week's end were Textiles, Paper, Copper, Kaffirs and Industrials.

### Gold Unchanged

The price of gold in London was unchanged at 251/3½d per fine ounce. In Paris the gold market softened at week's end, business was average and most coins lost ground. Turnover features were 100 ingots, 10,000 napoleons, 7,000 Swiss and sovereigns and 10,000 eagles.

### Cocoa Cheaper

The grain markets were unsettled this week and Cocoa was cheaper too. There was much activity but little change on the Copper market while the week-end brought a firmer tendency in Rubber.

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## Tel Aviv Stock Market

MARCH 7.

| | | Rise or Fall |
|---|---|---|
| Pop. Loans | 101½ | +½ |
| 1949/ (IL.10) | 2348 | — |
| 1½% Tavel Dollar x)7) | 100 | — |
| 1½% Govt. Bds. (large) | 93½ | — |
| 4% Reg. Sterling "A" | 90 | — |
| 4% Reg. Sterling "B" a) | 90 | — |
| Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3 | 79½ | — |
| Bk. Leumi ord sh. | 296 | +2 |
| A.P.E. Investm. | | |
| 4% debs. 50/70 c) | 98½ | — |
| ord. sh. "B" | 217 | — |
| Gazit ord. sh. "B" | 197 | — |
| Ellern's Inv. ord. "B" | 1650 | +15 |
| P.E.C.Inv.ord. "B" sh. | 103½ | — |
| Gen Mortg. Bk. ord. sh. | 572 | — |
| Bizur 4% debs 50/65 a) | 98½ | — |
| Nir 6% Debs. (bear) | 89½ | — |
| 5% pref. sh. | 73 | — |
| Paas 4% debs. 60/84 reg | 85½ | — |
| "Isra" 5% debs. | 83½ | — |
| I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg. | 131 | — |
| 5% debs. | 89½ | — |
| Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh. | 109½ | — |
| Rassco 6% pref. ord sh. | 91½ | — |
| Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh. | 125 | — |
| "A" ord. shares | 167 | — |
| Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Isr.) | — | — |
| Pal. Elec.pref.sh. (IL4) | 207 | — |
| Jor. Elec. Corp. ord. sh. | — | — |
| Maherath pref. sh. b) | 95½ | — |
| Ata ord. "B" sh. d) | 122 | — |
| 6-5% conv. debs. | 94½ | — |
| "Kurdaneh" ord. 'B' sh. d) | 129½ | —½ |
| 7% conv debs. 59/64 e | 102 | — |
| Meller-Dee ord.sh.rec.x) | 970 | — |
| Pal.-Brewery 8%con.sh. | 98½ | — |
| Assis Rehavam "B" sh.c | 153 | —½ |
| "Teva" ord. sh. | 107½ | — |
| Nesher 6% debs. "A" | 110 | — |
| 6% debs. "B" c) | 132 | — |
| Pal.Cold.St.7%debs a) | 147 | — |
| ord. sh. rec. d) | 215 | —½ |
| Pal. Centr. Tr. 5% debs. | 96½ | — |

Notes: a) purchasing price b) selling price: c) ex-coupons d) ex-right: e) half div.; x) prutot; y) with coupons per June 15, 1955.


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# Officials Disagree on Cartel Control

By ARYAH RUBINSTEIN

A STRIKING example of our cartel problem was given in the Knesset recently by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, who related how a Government invitation for transportation tenders was virtually voided because all the interested companies submitted identical bids.

The Minister went so far as to say that there was practically no industry which was not trying to ensure minimum prices by making similar agreements. Among the specific examples he mentioned were cartels in the production of oxygen, alcohol, ice, canned food for export, and woollen goods. In addition, there were monopolies in the production of paper, glass, tires and beer.

A committee was set up a little over a year ago to gather material on cartels and monopolies and to recommend legislation. It submitted two separate reports. Much was said and implied about the differences between the one signed by Mr. Zalman Sussayeff, Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. Bernard Bell, Acting Director of the Economic Advisory Staff, on the one hand, and the one of Mr. A. Arieli, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Shimon Horn, Economic Adviser to the Minister of Finance, on the other. But all agreed on the findings and on most recommendations.

### Hearings Informal

The committee was not given the power to subpoena witnesses or records. Its hearings were therefore somewhat informal, and its conclusions were admittedly based on its general impressions rather than on facts formally established. For this reason, it decided not to reveal specific names of firms, but to turn over the material it had gathered to the Government or to the authority whose formation it has proposed.

The committee concluded, first, that cartels exist in many branches of industry, services, transportation, and marketing, in export and in import — in the form of agreements to limit production or to fix prices, or both. It is understood that manufacturers of pots and pans, for instance, have agreed to divide the market by prescribing the size of the pots and pans each manufacturer may produce.

Second, the committee found that a number of monopolies exist in this country. Some developed naturally, because of the limited demand for given goods or services. It is generally agreed, for example, that there is no room for a second glass manufacturer. Other monopolies, however, have no economic justification. Producers merely got here first, and they are strong enough and ruthless enough to discourage any competition.

As to the effect of cartels, the committee found that they are often responsible for high prices, that they often prevent the entrance of new firms, that they often enable inefficient producers to stay in business, and that they often are an obstacle to the introduction of efficient methods, since it is the least efficient producer who determines the price.

On the other hand, the committee decided that cartels and monopolies were not necessarily harmful, and that under certain circumstances they might even be beneficial. It therefore recommended that they should not be declared illegal *a priori*. In other words, Israel should legislate against the abuse of power, like most European countries, and not against the power to abuse, which is what is done in the United States and Canada.

The committee recommended the establishment of an authority consisting of a five-man council and an administrative director. This authority would administer the registration of all agreements which might have the effect of restricting competition in any manner. Failure to register would be regarded as a criminal offence. In the light of basic criteria to be stated in the law, the authority would decide which combinations were harmful, and would order the dissolution of those found to be so.

Some of the criteria suggested for distinguishing harmful combinations were: prices higher than they would be otherwise; lower efficiency; poorer quality, or prevention of new competition.

### Two Names Suggested

The names suggested for the proposed body may have some significance: Messrs. Sussayeff, and Bell wanted an "Authority for the Promotion of Competition," while the two Ministry of Finance representatives suggested an "Authority against Cartels and Monopolies."

For what is strange about the differences between the committee members is that they seem to disagree even on what it is they disagree about.

Mr. Horn has explained that the difference was on the question of "vertical" combinations — that is agreements between firms involved in various stages of manufacture of the same product. These, he and Mr. Arieli felt, were outside the committee's terms of reference since they were not true cartels.

Mr. Sussayeff's version is somewhat different. The disagreement is the committee arose, he says, on the question of large firms which are able to control the purchases and sales of their subsidiaries. He and Mr. Bell felt that such firms — sometimes called trusts — should be subject to the same supervision by the Government as is proposed for cartels and monopolies, and should not be permitted to plead that their arrangements were "internal" ones.

They believe that the increasing estrangement between the Histadrut sector and the private sector, with firms in one sector giving preference to suppliers and retailers in its own sector, and not based on economic grounds, harms the national economy. They fear that such practices may discourage new investors and hinder free competition no less than cartels and monopolies.

It is up to the Government, they feel, to do all that is necessary to promote free competition, whether the threat comes from cartels, monopolies or trusts.


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# Groundnut Success on Home Market Cuts Export Quantity

By Our Economic Correspondent

LAST year, we confidently added groundnuts as another important item to our export list and hoped that they would bring us a tidy sum in dollars. The experiments in planting had been very satisfactory, the yields per dunam high, the quality so good that foreign markets bought the Israel nuts eagerly. The crop appeared especially attractive as the nuts could be gathered a few months after sowing and capital did not therefore have to wait long for returns. As groundnuts can be planted between the young trees of newly laid-out orange-groves they offered, moreover, an interim income for growers waiting for the citrus yield this year.

It was estimated that groundnuts exports would reach 7,000 tons but it now seems as if we shall reach not more than one third of this amount. The price for groundnuts abroad is roughly $350 a ton and if we are unable to provide the expected quantity we may lose more than one-and-a-half million dollars.

### Fantastic Prices

The explanation for this disappointing development lies in the high, it might even be said fantastic prices paid for groundnuts at home. Last season, some 30,000 dunams were sown in groundnuts and were to yield 14,000 tons. Domestic consumption was estimated at half. The Israel consumer was, however, ready to pay IL800 per ton for first-class nuts and IL600 for poorer nuts. From exports, the grower derives only IL350 for a ton and with the Government premium he still does not reach the top domestic price of the internal market.

During the fat shortage of the winter months, moreover, when American surplus butter vanished from the market, consumers were ready to pay almost any price for oil and a considerable part of the second-grade groundnuts went for pressing. The growing popularity of Oriental cuisine increases the demand for oil, too.

Despite the good profits, growers are beginning to doubt whether they should go on with the new crop. They complain of labour difficulties during the picking season, they find it difficult to adjust the irrigation requirements of oranges to those of groundnuts, and in some places organization is faulty. The first enthusiasm has given way to doubt.

### Excellent Quality

We should, however, do well to press on with raising groundnuts and especially with exporting them. We owe our initial success to the excellent quality of the Israel variety and to favourable conditions on European markets. China has dropped out of the picture there owing to political conditions, but the supply from Eastern Asia may well rise again in an attempt to foster exports. We should make every possible effort to establish a name for Israel groundnuts as long as competition from other quarters is not too strong. If, however, as happened this year, contracts for exports are not fulfilled because we eat our groundnuts ourselves, European importers will look for supplies elsewhere.

**Groundnuts are of importance not only because they earn dollars and supply food but because they afford employment to untrained labour, and this during the slack season. The many workers who were occupied in picking and sorting the nuts last year would have to be employed in emergency jobs if the crop should lose its new-won importance.**

**We must make sure that the area under groundnuts does not decrease and we must curtail local consumption of both nuts and oil.**

## Talks on Terms For Turkey Continue

DISCUSSIONS are still going on concerning future terms for industrial exports to Turkey. Though the original plan to raise the disagio from 10 to 20 per cent has been dropped in view of the opposition voiced by most exporters, the Treasury insists on an additional export duty of at least five per cent, to be transferred to a special fund. It also agrees that this fund should be used to subsidize not only overpriced imports from Turkey, but also exports that are hit hard by the new duty.

Another scheme has been suggested by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It envisages a differential duty, which could be fixed according to the earning power of each commodity. The Manufacturers Association, on the other hand, opposes any change in the existing terms.

**It seems that no satisfactory formula has been evolved for the time being for selecting the exports to be assisted. In theory, those that have the highest "added value" are to receive priority, but in practice the highest proceeds and profits are often achieved in triangular transactions or in exports of goods only assembled or packed in Israel, while products into which a lot of local labour goes prove relatively expensive or unable to fetch prices that compensate for a high disagio.**

## Bank Leumi Proposes 12½% Dividend

A final dividend of six-and-a-half per cent is to be proposed by the Directors of the Bank Leumi at its annual general meeting on April 21, it was announced this week.

An interim dividend of six per cent was paid in November, and the dividend for the full year will thus again be 12½%, subject to tax.

### MINISTRIES DENY RIFT

Reports that the Ministry of Finance was refusing to allocate foreign currency for import licences issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry were denied yesterday in a joint statement by the two Ministries.

## CUCUMBERS DISPLACE TOMATOES

AGREEMENT concerning the tomato price for manufacturing tomato puree is in sight, but will be considerably less than last year, *The Jerusalem Post* is informed. The canneries have agreed to pay IL80 per ton of fruit like a year ago but are not willing to contract for more than approximately 4,000 tons, i.e., less than half the quantity of 1954. They claim that they are actually losing at this price and only willing to continue this line of production in order not to disappear from the market completely. The negotiations now seem to hinge upon the ministerial decision concerning the subsidies to be paid to growers, who received IL25 per ton from the Treasury and an additional IL15 from the Vegetable Equalization Fund last year, thus bringing the total yield for the farmer to IL100 per ton of tomatoes.

Instead of tomatoes, cucumbers for canning are being planned on a large scale this year. Negotiations are now under way concerning several thousand tons to be grown specially for export purposes.

## Citrus Oil to Russia

SUBSTANTIAL export orders and smaller output this season combine in improving the marketing outlook for citrus oil, of which a stock of about 70 tons accumulated last summer with the "Citrus and Canned Products Association," it is reliably learned. Ten tons were sold to Russia some months ago, and a repeat order of 25 tons has been received, and already shipped aboard the Etrog, which sailed for Odessa last week with a load of citrus fruit. Smaller orders have been received from France and Scandinavian countries. Production of citrus oil will scarcely reach 45 tons because of the smaller quantity of culled fruit this year.


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